

## The Weekly Ledger

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Subscribers to the Weekly Ledger should watch the date on the margin of their paper and renew their subscription promptly so that they will not miss a copy of their favorite paper.

LET'S build some good roads in Audrain during 1917.

IS it all a joke about Audrain wanting good roads?

THE farmers of Audrain county are arranging for the biggest acreage of corn ever planted in Audrain county.

THERE is no better investment that Mexico and Audrain real estate. Now is the time to get in on the ground floor.

WHAT about the Eight Mile Road District building some good roads during 1917? That is what they are doing around other progressive towns.

WHAT about the Mexico 8-Mile Road District raising money and building a few miles of road road. A start in this direction must be made somewhere sometime.

THE House passed the Hedges Good Roads Bill and we believe this is the beginning of a movement that will take Missouri out of the mud. The time is passed for building good roads in Missouri with hot air, and some real money must be expended or we will become the laughing stock of other states that are building hundreds of miles of good roads every year.

GOV. GARDNER'S PUBLIC SPIRIT. REFERRING to Governor Gardner's practice that he proclaims along the line of saving money for the state whenever possible, the Henry County, Mo., Democrat editorially says: Governor Gardner, being a man of self-will, independent fortune, has made it very clear that he will relieve the State of the expense of upkeep of the Governor's mansion hereafter paid by the state.

He has not only refused to touch the \$3,750 a year usually appropriated for this purpose, but has begun building upon the main grounds a fire-proof garage to replace the former stables. He will not even use the penitentiary labor or materials for this purpose; and of course when he vacates, the garage becomes the property of the state. It is not often that a Governor has the means to do these things; and still rarer is it to find a Governor who adds to the means the liberality and the will. It is not the few thousands of dollars that count, but it is the spirit shown by our Governor that is most notable.

### MISSOURI'S FINANCES

EVERY member of the Missouri Legislature, regardless of politics, should co-operate with Governor Gardner in the direction of securing sufficient taxes to conduct the affairs of the State. How do you expect your State to continue to grow and prosper, unless you furnish money enough to pay the legitimate expenses? One thing is certain, if the Democratic members of the Legislature do not realize the importance of meeting these conditions they will hear from the voters at the next election. Sufficient money to conduct the business must be furnished; and if the Democrats are not capable of attending to this matter, the voters will give the Republicans a chance. We consider this a critical condition in the history of Missouri, and trust that members of the Legislature will get busy and show the voters of the state that they are worthy of the positions to which they have been elected.

Along this line the St. Louis Republic closes a pertinent editorial as follows:

"Governor Gardner's taxation program is no personal creation. He has formulated it after long study and conference with the State's leading taxation experts, financiers and business men. It has been generally approved by the public. Failure to enact it now into law will not be the failure of the Governor; it will be the failure of the men who ought to have held up his hands. Now is the time for the leaders of the House and Senate to speak out and to assure the people of Missouri of their support of the Governor's program and their intention to enact it into law."

### REGARDING THE PORK

ALONG the line of public buildings and the much talked of pork barrel appropriations made in Washington, the Saturday Evening Post editorially says: "Friends of pork cry that Congress will never surrender its right to appropriate public money for public buildings. Nobody we have heard ever asked it, or knows of any way, short of constitutional amendment, whereby it could make that surrender."

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"That is the whole matter. The American Institute of Architects proposes a board of experts to study the subject broadly and work out a plan under which the construction of public buildings, designed by competent architects, shall be remembered to Congress as public business requires."

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Sell Business in Kansas. Considerable of Wales has sold his business in Elgin, Kansas, and will return to Missouri to make their home near Thompson. This will be good news to their many friends in this section. "They all come back."

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## BUSINESS MEN'S ASSN.

HOLDS NOONDAY MEETING

Committee Appointed to Draft New Set of By-Laws—Will Report at Meeting Next Friday

COMMITTEES CONTINUED

Committee on Location of Burlington and Santa Fe Shops Was Continued—To Report soon

The Mexico Business Men's Association held a noonday luncheon and business meeting at the Hotel Hoxsey Friday. A number of the business men of the city attended the meeting.

The following letter, one of many received by President Malone from business firms and private individuals in response to the membership campaign, recently inaugurated, was read:

Mr. C. P. Malone, Mexico Business Men's Association, Mexico, Mo. Dear Sir: It is with pleasure that we hand you herewith our check of \$50.00 membership in the Association, and it is our wish that you have a most successful year.

Yours very truly,

International Shoe Company, Mexico Factory.

Pursuant to a motion passed at the meeting a committee, composed of C. A. Barnes, J. W. Buffington and Rufus Jackson was appointed to draft a set of by-laws for the association, this committee to report at the next meeting which will be held next Friday.

The committee composed of William Pollock, Dr. J. W. Millon and A. P. Green to confer with officials in regard to the location of the Burlington-Santa Fe shops in this city, was continued and will report some time in the near future.

The committee composed of William Pollock, L. B. Hawthorne and L. R. Ferris to draw up resolutions of respect for Roy Mitchell, R. E. Arnold, Sr., and J. F. Llewellyn, was also continued.

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Association, which was to have been held Thursday night, was postponed, owing to the inability of several members of the board to be present on account of illness or important business engagements.

them. The question is whether Congress proposes to consult or merely to pursue selfish individual ends. "Pork" has not been propitious to architects. Government architecture on the whole, lags much behind private enterprise. The Government ought to lead; but it does not—and pork is one of the reasons."

### A SUBMARINE ATTACK

ON BOOZE FOR the married man who cannot get along without drinks the following is suggested as a means of freedom from bondage to saloons.

Start a saloon in your own home. Be the only customer (you'll have no license to pay). Go to your wife and give her two dollars to buy a gallon of whiskey, and remember there are sixty-nine drinks in a gallon. Buy all your drinks from no one but your wife, and by the time that the first gallon is gone she will have eight dollars to put into the bank and two dollars to start business again.

Should you live ten years and continue to buy booze from her, and then die with snakes in your boots, she will have enough money to buy a decent education for your children, buy a house and lot, and marry a decent man and quit thinking about you entirely.

### THE ADMINISTRATION

NOT TO BLAME REFERRING to the reason why we are not better prepared to defend this country in case of war, the St. Louis Republic says:

"Two years ago the Administration desired to purchase \$50,000,000 worth of ships, in view of the peculiar situation created by the war, and Republican hands with certain well-known Democrats in Congress to vote the proposal down."

"In that day \$50,000,000 would have bought a million tons of shipping, and the boats, under foreign registry, were ready for purchase."

"We desire to ask four brief questions: "What would it have been worth to American producers to have commanded the services of that million tons of shipping during these years of scarce cargo-room and exorbitant rates?"

"What would it cost to buy a million tons of shipping today—if it were to be had?"

"What would it mean to the Navy of the United States in this crisis to command the services of such a fleet of auxiliary ships?"

"What do the Congressmen who voted against the measure now think of themselves?"

JOIN the Business Men's Association at once and help make Mexico a city.

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## AUDRAIN IS WELL REPRESENTED AT MISSOURI U.

There Has Been Between Thirty and Forty Students from Audrain for Past Ten Years

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### THINKS OF HIS OLD FRIENDS.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 2, 1917. Mexico, Mo., Feb. 2, 1917. Dear Bob:—I received a recent copy of the Ledger, and was glad to be remembered by you. The older I get the more I love and appreciate my old friends. One old friend is worth a dozen new acquaintances.

I did not know, until I received your paper, that my old friends, J. Fred McLaughlin and R. E. Arnold had passed to the great unknown. These men, both of them, were always visited by me whenever I was in Mexico, and they were very good men, good friends of mine, and always gave me a cordial welcome; and frequently, Mr. Arnold especially, invited me to his home. It is an occasion of sadness to me to return to Mexico, when I miss so many of my dear old friends. The past thirty years has left but a few of you.

When I first went to Mexico, forty years ago, there were twenty-six members of the bar. Now all have passed away but W. W. Fry and myself. Dr. R. W. Bourne, although not in our class, still lives, and I always like to see him. For a time we boarded together, and ate at the same table, and have always been good friends; and because I used to visit him about his age and say he was much older than my mother and

a schoolmate of hers, he would say, "that I was mistaken, that he and I were schoolmates. Ever after that he called me his old schoolmate."

However, how welcome the thought we must all travel the same road, and we can but thank God that he has been good to us, and has given us more time than some of our departed friends. We cannot pass this way but once, and I am trying to do all the good I can, and I can truly say of my old friends, both living and dead, I love them.

Wishing your life may be lengthened to four score years, I am as ever, Your old schoolmate and friend, T. B. Buckner.

### REGARDING THE REV. SAPP

The Rev. W. M. Sapp, who resided in this city from 1893 to 1896, and whose death in Los Angeles, Calif., was recently announced in the Ledger, was a Civil War veteran of prominence and chaplain of the Los Angeles G. A. R. Post. The address of the widow, which has been inquired for by a number here, is 1107 West 46th street, Los Angeles.

He enlisted in the Civil War as a private in Co. C, Fourth Missouri Cavalry, and at the end of the war had won a captaincy. He was a minister of the Methodist Church and his death was due to acute gastritis.

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